

# Headteacher's Update

20th October 2016

# STEM Club – Space Sun Screen Project

STEM Club are going to be working for the British Science Association's CREST bronze award, beginning on the second week of Term 2. The CREST project will be investigating ways of protecting astronauts from UV light, and culminating in students making their own UV block for space. The project will involve a minimum of 10 hours of work which will involve planning, making their own decisions and managing their own resources. In order to gain the bronze award they will need to communicate their findings.

If you are interested, come to science club, in lab 1 at 3.15 on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Please be aware that you'll need to attend for the whole project in order to get your award.

#### PE After Half Term

Year 7 PE activities change after half term and PE will be on a Tuesday for all Year 7s. (Year 8 remains on a Wednesday)

7AN, 7BA and 7GA now have rugby on Tuesday – please bring the right kit as it will be cold on the field in a swimming costume!

7CU and 7DV will have swimming on Tuesday morning. Again, please bring the right swimming kit as you will be faster than if you are wearing your reversible rugby top.

# Timetables

Because we have to change the timetable so that 7CU and 7DV can swim on a Tuesday morning, we also have to change everyone else's timetable slightly.

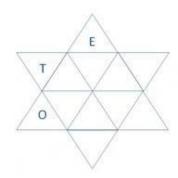
This means that ALL student timetables are different after half-term. A new one has been issued to students in tutor time to stick into their planners and another copy is in their bags to bring home.

Please check with them what equipment they will need for Monday 31st October.

#### MENSA Puzzle

Use the letters given to complete the star so that two five letter words, one four letter word and two words of two letters can be read. What are the words?

#### CIINNOPSY



**Last Week's Answer:** 418. Each number on the left is multiplied by the sum of its two digits to give the number on the right.

# Forthcoming Events

21st Oct: INSET day - school closed to students

**24<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Half Term break **5<sup>th</sup> Nov:** CoderDojo event

**11<sup>th</sup> Nov:** INSET day - school closed to students

**13<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Remembrance Day Parade in Teddington, 10am

#### **Fixtures**

**4<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Y7 Boys' Rugby League Tournament v Richmond Schools



## Year 7 Bushcraft

Letters have gone home today with the details for the upcoming Year 7 Bushcraft Trip to Cornbury Park. Dates for the trip are Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017. This is a great opportunity for students to work together and build a new set of skills.

The total cost is £180, with a deposit of £30 required by 4<sup>th</sup> November to secure a place on the trip. The balance will then be split into three instalments of £50 each.

We hope that all of Year 7 will be able to join us on what is sure to be an amazing experience.

### Remembrance Sunday – November 13th



Thank you for the reply slips we have received for students taking part in the Teddington parade and service. Any others should be returned after half-term.

#### Halloween Menu

We're looking forward to coming back on Halloween with a special menu in the canteen:

Spicy sausage and bean casserole

or

Spicy pumpkin stew

with

**Boiled rice and garden vegetables** 

plus

A variety of ghoulish cakes and biscuits!

#### Parent Survey

Thank you to all the Y7 parents who completed our survey form at settling in evening. We know that it's early days to answer some of the questions and we will survey you all again later in the year. The results were extremely positive and are reproduced below, showing the percentage of the respondents who agreed or strongly agreed with each statement.

If you do have feedback, questions or concerns, then please don't wait until we do a survey but email or call the school.

The school helps me to support my	100%
child's learning	
My child is taught well at this school	100%
My child receives appropriate homework	100%
for their age	
I receive valuable information from	100%
the school about my child's progress	
The school is helping my child	100%
become mature and responsible	
The school makes appropriate provision for	100%
my child's spiritual, moral and cultural	
development	
My child makes good progress at Turing	100%
House	
My child is well looked after at this school	100%
The school makes sure its students are	100%
well behaved	
The school deals effectively with bullying	93%*
The school is helping my child to develop	100%
a healthy lifestyle	
The school is making sure that my child	100%
is well prepared for the future	
The school is led and managed effectively	100%
The school takes account of my	100%
suggestions and concerns	
The school meets my child's particular needs	100%
The school works closely with parents	100%
The school provides a wide variety	100%
of activities/opportunities outside of lessons	
I would recommend Turing House to other	100%
parents	
* 1 parent expressed a concern about an issue that had arisen in school, witnessed	

<sup>\* 1</sup> parent expressed a concern about an issue that had arisen in school, witnessed by her child. The matter had been dealt with by the school. Any student with concerns about unkindness at school should tell a member of staff straight away.

# 40<sup>th</sup> National Scout Air Rifle Competition

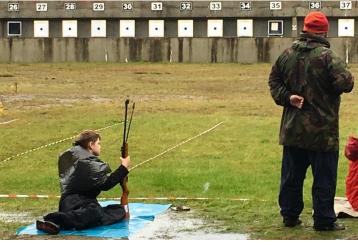
On the 16<sup>th</sup> October, 4 of our students took part in the 40<sup>th</sup> National Scout Air Rifle Competition at the National Shooting Centre, Bisley. Students took part in the squad shooting Rifle 6yds, Pistol 6yds and Field Target.

With 780 National competitors, we are delighted that our students took home a variety of medals all presented Paralympian Tim Jeffery. Thomas T became the under 12 national champion for 6 vard air rifle and Jack H won



individual Bronze and team Gold in the 6 yard air pistol discipline. Louis, in year 8, won the Bronze medal and Junior Connaught Trophy for Team Aggregate across the three disciplines.





# Leaving – by Harley Christie Y7

Leaving was the hardest thing but staying was impossible

My homeland, where once the streets were filled with laughter and the sweet smell of home

For there is no surviving this part of the world only guns, money, power and lives lost.

Leaving was impossible but staying was the hardest thing

How could I leave such beauty, crisp white sands and cool deep blue sea, somewhere to soak your tired feet in after a hard day's work in the market place.

Leaving was the hardest thing but staying was impossible

Rubble and blood stains replaced the beauty that once was

Red is no longer my favourite colour and my hands no longer clean.

Leaving was the only choice, staying was not an option

How much can change during one sunrise, one sunset, one dishonest deal which changed my world

Forever

I have a new place I call home now

It's very different from what's in my heart but I have found peace here and I no longer live in fear

# Friends of Turing House

Following a very productive Friends meeting, it's full steam ahead raising money and organising events. Thank you everyone who came along. First on the list this year is Second Hand Uniform:

#### Second Hand Uniform

Is your child growing out of their uniform... again? Or dare we suggest lost some of it? Need some good quality second hand uniform? The Friends are starting to collect uniform to sell at parent events. If you are having a sort out or on the other side of a growth spurt, please pass washed and wearable uniform to school so we can start to stock up.

# Easyfundraising for Turing House Friends

# easyfundraising .org.uk

Do you shop online? Shop via easyfundraising.org.uk and raise a free donation for Turing House Friends every time you shop. Whenever you buy anything online from your weekly shop to your annual holiday, you could be raising a free donation for Turing House Friends and thereby contribute to school funds with minimal effort and no hidden catches. Every penny makes a difference. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first, pick the retailer you want and start shopping. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever.

There are nearly 3,000 retailers on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline, Sainsbury's and many large travel companies.

It's really simple, all you have to do is:

- 1. Join: visit the website and sign up for free
- **2. Shop:** Turing House Friends will be really grateful for your donations. Thank you for your support.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/turinghousefriends/





A full range of activity courses will be on offer during the October half term holiday at Albany Outdoors in Kingston. Come and enjoy a variety of courses delivered by qualified instructors in a safe, fun learning environment, including paddlesports and off-road cycling. For more information go to www.kingston.gov.uk/albanypark

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# LMA Mini Maestro family concerts

The London Musical Arts Orchestra has a range of concerts for children:

www.lmaorchestra.com/mini-maestro